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the rest of the money will be appropriated for research at the Nebraska Agriculture College. Also, by having this election for the elected board, the state is divided into 6 districts according to the Warner amendment and these people will be elected by districts and when the new boards take office then the board members will appoint a seventh member at large. So I believe that this is a compromise that will work. Presently we are lost as to how these elections shall be held according to the Warner amendment it is estimated that an election would cost \$20,000. By having a mail ballot it will be just the cost of postage for the department although if the people wish to stay with the appointed board and there is a provision in the amendment how the appointed board shall carry on and there shall be no more referendums for three years, if this is turned down once or either way if it is turned down or approved, no referendums will be held for three years. This is to prevent people from having referendums every year, which are costly. I'm open to any questions on these amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Maresh a question if I may. Senator Maresh, do I understand that the first board will operate for three years and that is an appointive board and from then on it will become an elected board, is that the way I understand it?

SENATOR MARESH: No sir, the people will have a chance to be heard if they want an appointed board, or an elected board, that is one part of the ballot. The other part of the ballot will be do they want to continue the program? If they say that they do not want a check off program then all funds taken up during the previous 60 days will be refunded and the rest of the money will be appropriated for research at the Ag college. This is a two part ballot and it requires a 10% of the growers qualified electors to vote on this to sign a position in other words to put this on the ballot. It has to be done by petition to be placed on the ballot.

SENATOR CARSTEN: May I ask one more question. Then my second question would be those that eligible to vote, even though they ask for the refund, would they be eligible to vote?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, anyone subject to the check off would be a qualified voter.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Even though they asked for the refund.

SENATOR MARESH: Right, their name will be on the computers because they have to ask for a refund so their name will be on record as being a qualified grower.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.